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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF SUDANESE REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: JUNE 28 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT SOURCED TO EPMG MININT. ACCORDING ANNOUNCEMENT, 6,000 REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN SUDAN HAVE CROSSED INTO SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. THE REFUGEES, THE ARTICLE STATES, CROSSED INTO ETHIOPIA THROUGH FRONTIER POSTS ALONG GAMBELA DISTRICT IN ILLUBABOR PROVINCE. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE EPMG, THE OAU, AND THE UNHCR HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE FOOD, CLOTHING, MEDICAL AND OTHER SUPPLIES "AS THE NUMBER OF SUCH REFUGEES CONTINUE TO INCREASE." THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOUTHERN SUDANESE REFUGEES NOW IN ETHIOPIA IS GIVEN AS 12,000. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: WE WILL BE EXPLORING THE SIGNIFICANCE AND SUBSTANCE OF THE FOREGOING WITH GOE, OAU AND UNHCR OFFICIALS IN THE DAYS TO COME. VERY LITTLE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO US THUS FAR. A NEW SOURCE, WHOSE ACCESS AND ACCURACY WE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT RPT NOT YET PREPARED TO EVALUATE, TELLS US THAT THE REFUGEE

FLOW IS BEING GENERATED BY TRIBAL FIGHTING PITTING THE BARIA AGAINST ANNUAK AND NUER. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, THE BARIA ARE RECEIVING MODERN WEAPONS FROM THE SUDANESE ARMY. THEY ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE INITIATED A SERIES OF RAIDS UPON NEIGHBORING NUER AND ANNUAK WHO ARE RESPONDING IN KIND. THE ACTION, STILL ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, IS SITED IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE ETHIOPIAN FRONTIER BETWEEN JOKAU AND AKOBO, VIZ., ALONG THE BULGE OF ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY THRUSTING INTO THE SUDAN WEST OF GAMBELA. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT THIS BULGE CONTAINED MANY OF THE CAMPS IN WHICH SUDANESE REFUGEES GENERATED BY THE EARLIER SUDANESE CIVIL WAR WERE RELOCATED DURING THE CONFLICT.

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